

FW: prelim readout from Minister-Secretary call

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See below preliminary feedback from Mayorkas-Mendicino call.

- The two could have another call over the next couple of days
- US was non-committal over whether there could be coordinated (joint?) action against the protests
- An injunction is being sought in court for the Windsor situation
- There are ongoing discussions with local law enforcement
- Ambassador bridge is main focus but AB and MB PoEs also being tracked
- US states are being asked to look into authorities they could use to block and prevent protests pro-actively, in order to avoid the type of situation that exists in Canada
- US messaging is likely to be strong, e.g., "swift and strong action" will occur should protests begin to form – cannot block economy/trade
- Detroit mayor has offered tow trucks to Windsor
- Canadian Premiers are also engaged on the border situations

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On Feb 11, 2022, at 10:02 AM, Manji, Natasha <Natasha.Manji@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi Colleagues,

Sharing below the Public Safety readout of yesterday's unclassified call between PS Portfolio and DHS. I understand there's a classified follow up this morning, and we're tracking any other potential meetings today at various levels. Will share updates and readouts when we get them. Note that we are doing a situational update meeting with CBP this afternoon and again on Monday morning.

Thanks,

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Overview:

- Goal of call to focus on sharing views on threat-related aspects of events and effects on both sides of the border.
- Regarding POEs, seeing early impacts in US on the economy; noted particular concern from pharmaceutical industry about supply chain impacts and inability to ship meds to CAN.

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-US noted CBC media reporting that former police and military officers part of protest, and s.38

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-US noted suggestions on social media about convoys forming domestically in US, which may seek to travel north to CAN (i.e. in Buffalo and Michigan); also noted there is a process to track indicators and will send to agencies directly through existing channels.

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-US asked that appropriate officials communicate any change in strategy at POE so that cross border preparation can take place.

CAN Brief

RCMP

- Event being tracked by RCMP as NS event due to rhetoric surrounding removal of government and location around Parliament, which is considered critical infrastructure.
- Ideology is largely anti-government, anti-vaccine, anti-mandate. Seeing some disputes between groups.
- IMVE individuals active on social media, although not crossing threshold to actively inciting violence (noted one incident when two individuals tried to set a building on fire and lock the door – was reported in media).
- Aware of and looking into alleged role of protestors with former ties to police and/or military.

CBSA

- Overall assessment is IMVE physical security threat at border is low at this time.
- Protesters keen to remain off federal property at POEs; potentially shows there is a degree of sophistication and knowledge of how to disrupt and get attention but not enter locations where can be easily removed.

Next Steps:

Classified follow-up discussion planned with expected focus on financing element.

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